

position covering the rear opening of the housing, the access door having a plurality of recesses formed along a surface of the door; and

A6 an engagement member supported on the access opening closure device, the engagement member being movable into engagement with the plurality of recesses to selectively lock the access door at a plurality of different positions.

A7 5. (Amended) An access opening closure device according to Claim 4, wherein the side bracket has a slot formed therein adjacent one end of the guide track, the slot being positioned to permit removal of debris positioned on the guide track when the access door is moved from the open position to the closed position.

8. (Amended) An access opening closure device according to Claim 1, further including a first lock, the first lock being positioned to retain the top cover in its first position.

A8 9. (Amended) An access opening closure device according to Claim 1, wherein the housing is constructed from stainless steel.

10. (Amended) An access opening closure device according to Claim 1, wherein the top cover is constructed from a transparent material.

Please add new Claims 11-20.

11. (New) An access opening closure device adapted to be mounted on a support structure comprising:

A9 a housing defining a receptacle and first and second openings;

a first cover movably supported on the housing, the first cover being movable from a first position covering the first opening of the housing to a second position uncovering the first opening of the housing;

an access door movably supported on the housing, the access door being movable from a first position covering the second opening to a second position uncovering the second opening of the housing, the access door having a plurality of recesses formed along a surface of the access door;

an engagement member positioned adjacent the access door, the engagement member being movable into engagement with the plurality of recesses to lock the access door in a plurality of different positions.

12. (New) An access opening closure device according to Claim 11, further including a bracket assembly secured to the housing, the bracket assembly being configured to mount the rear opening of the housing about an access opening in a door.

13. (New) An access opening closure device according to Claim 12, wherein the bracket assembly includes a top, a bottom and a side bracket, each of the brackets being positioned about the rear opening of the housing.

AA 14. (New) An access opening closure device according to Claim 13, wherein the top and bottom brackets each include a concavity formed therein, the concavities together defining a guide track, the access door being slidably supported for movement between its first and second positions on the guide track.

(A) 15. (New) An access opening closure device according to Claim 14, wherein the side bracket has a slot formed therein adjacent one end of the guide track, the slot being positioned to permit removal of debris positioned on the guide track when the access door is moved from the open position to the closed position.

16. (New) An access opening closure device according to Claim 14, wherein the top cover is pivotably secured to the housing.

17. (New) An access opening closure device according to Claim 14, wherein the top cover is slidably supported on the housing.

18. (New) An access opening closure device according to Claim 11, further including a first lock, the first lock being positioned to retain the top cover in its first position.

19. (New) An access opening closure device according to Claim 11, wherein the housing is constructed from stainless steel.

20. (New) An access opening closure device according to Claim 11, wherein the top cover is constructed from a transparent material.

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are currently pending in this application. By this amendment, the drawings and the specification have been amended to address the Examiner's concerns outlined in paragraphs 2-11 of the Office Action, and Claims 1-5 and 8-10 have been amended to correct minor informalities. New Claims 11-20 have also been added and are of a scope to which applicant believes he is entitled. No new matter has been added

Applicant would like to thank Examiner Fee and Examiner Swan for extending the courtesy of an interview to Applicant's representative, Christopher Trainor, Esq. on May 16, 2002. During the interview, Mr. Trainor pointed out to Examiner's Fee and Swan deficiencies in the cited references as will be discussed below.

In the Office Action mailed April 26, 2002, the declaration was objected to as listing the incorrect provisional application filing date. A new declaration will be filed